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Wesley G. Grapp, demoted as chief of the FBI's Los Angeles office in a flap over mustaches, has been demoted again for bugging his own office telephone to record incoming calls.

This mean that Grapp, 54, a native of Aberdeen, S.D., has gone in a matter of weeks from being special-agent-in-charge of the 600-man Los Angles office to just a regular FBI agent assigned to Minneapolis. His salary dropped accordingly, from $36,000 a year to $24,362.

David L. Kinley, executive assistant to acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III, confirmed that Grapp had been demoted and suspended a second time.

The first time, he was suspended for 25 days and transferred to El Paso as special agent in charge. The second suspension cost him 30 days and bounced him to Minneapolis.

Grapp's second demotion and transfer occurred when inspectors confirmed that Grapp was monitoring telephone conversations in his Los Angeles office.

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